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Production of cotton linters in the United States totaled 51,000 running bale equivalents during the four weeks ending September 27, according to the Bureau of the Census. This was down from 59,000 bales last year but well above 21,000 bales two years ago. Production during the first two months of the marketing year (August and September, 8 weeks) totaled 92,000 bales compared with 112,000 bales a year ago and 40,000 bales through September 1984. Shipments of cotton linters from oil mills totaled 57,000 bales during September compared with 61,000 bales last season and 35,000 bales two years earlier. Shipments through September this season were 93,000 bales compared with 118,000 bales a year earlier and 66,000 two years ago.

Consumption of cotton linters totaled 52,000 bales (four weeks) during September. This was down from 69,000 bales (five weeks) last year and 74,000 bales (five weeks) in 1984. Total usage for the first two month this seson was 109,000 bales, down from the previous two years of 121,000 bales and 118,000 bales, respectively. Domestic bleachers consumed 46,000 bales during September, down from 61,000 bales in 1985 and 67,000 bales in 1984. Through September, domestic bleachers used 96,000 bales, down about 10 percent from the past two seasons. September usage by consumers other than bleachers was 6,000 bales, 2,000 bales less than the past two seasons. Consumption during the first two months of this season by consumers other than bleachers totaled 13,000 bales, down 3,000 bales from 1985 and 1,000 bales from 1984.

Stocks of cotton linters totaled 467,000 bales on September 27. This was the largest end-of-September stocks since 1967 and was up from 288,000 bales a year earlier and 155,000 bales in 1984. Domestic bleachers were holding 369,000 bales at the end of September, the largest since records began in 1947. Oil mill stocks at the end of September totaled 52,000 bales, up from 49,000 bales last season and 29,000 two years ago. The Bureau of the Census did not give any stock figures for public storage or consumers other than bleachers.

Cottonseed receipts at oil mills totaled 260,000 tons during the month of September. This was down from 394,000 tons last season but up from 162,000 tons in 1984. Receipts during the first two months of this season totaled 380,000 tons against 585,000 tons last season and 248,000 tons two years ago. Crushings during September totaled 174,000 tons compared with 197,000 last year and 73,000 two years ago. Through September, crushings this season totaled 316,000 tons, down from 392,000 tons last year, but up from 143,000 tons two years earlier. At the end of September, stocks of cottonseed at oil mills totaled 411,000 tons, down from 599,000 tons in 1985 but almost double the stocks on hand in 1984.

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Table 1. Oil mill production, shipments and stocks of cotton linters, by months, United States, 1982-1986 1/

Season beginning August 1	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Total
						1,000 bales							
						Production							
1982	73	74	103	129	120	119	101	90	69	59	46	47	1,029
1983	46	33	55	83	81	94	76	78	54	46	34	20	699
1984	19	21	82	119	116	122	105	101	84	75	58	53	955
1985	53	59	95	112	98	114	98	92	75	62	43	34	936
1986 2/	42	51											
						Shipments							
1982	102	86	116	114	132	139	97	111	84	85	57	46	1,170
1983	53	43	55	71	76	95	76	68	46	45	37	28	693
1984	31	35	54	122	95	130	91	110	91	79	55	63	956
1985	57	61	92	88	92	120	100	83	79	56	62	45	937
1986 2/	36	57											
						Oil mill stocks							
1982	159	146	134	149	137	116	120	99	85	58	46	48	-
1983	40	30	31	43	47	46	46	56	64	64	62	54	-
1984	42	29	57	54	75	66	66	71	64	60	64	54	-
1985	51	49	51	75	81	75	75	81	77	83	63	53	-
1986 2/	58	52											

1/ Reported in running bale equivalents. Total production is adjusted data as reported in Supply and Distribution of Linters in the U.S. by Bureau of the Census.
2/ Preliminary.

Source: Bureau of the Census

Table 2. Oil mill production, shipments and stocks of cotton linters by types of cut and by months, September 1985-September 1986 1/

Month	Production				Shipments				Oil Mill Stocks			
	First Cuts	Second Cuts	Mill Run	Total	First Cuts	Second Cuts	Mill Run	Total	First Cuts	Second Cuts	Mill Run	Total
						1,000 bales						
Sept. 1985	13.8	34.2	11.2	59.2	16.4	34.9	10.0	61.3	18.6	23.8	6.1	48.5
Oct. "	23.2	58.3	13.5	95.1	26.6	53.1	12.4	92.1	15.2	29.0	7.2	51.5
Nov. "	28.1	71.8	12.1	112.0	19.6	57.1	11.7	88.4	23.7	43.7	7.7	75.1
Dec. "	26.7	63.1	8.3	98.1	23.1	60.7	8.7	92.5	27.3	46.1	7.3	80.7
Jan. 1986	29.4	73.4	11.1	113.8	31.5	78.6	9.5	119.5	25.3	40.9	8.8	75.0
Feb. "	25.0	61.3	11.5	97.8	27.2	62.6	10.6	100.4	23.1	39.5	9.8	72.4
Mar. "	25.1	59.4	7.8	92.3	20.8	54.5	8.1	83.4	27.4	44.4	9.5	81.3
Apr. "	21.3	50.1	3.9	75.3	18.8	54.8	5.7	79.3	29.9	39.7	7.7	77.3
May "	18.2	41.4	2.4	61.9	14.7	38.4	2.8	55.9	33.3	42.7	7.2	83.3
June "	12.7	28.2	1.7	42.6	13.3	48.3	0.8	62.4	32.7	22.6	8.1	63.5
July "	10.5	21.9	1.9	34.4	18.5	24.6	2.3	45.3	24.7	20.0	7.8	52.5
Aug. "	11.6	28.3	1.6	41.6	15.2	20.0	0.8	36.0	21.1	28.3	8.7	58.1
Sept. "	16.6	32.3	1.8	50.7	23.1	32.3	1.1	56.5	14.6	28.3	9.4	52.2

1/ Preliminary. Reported in running bale equivalents. The sum of types by cut may not equal the total because of rounding.

Source: Bureau of the Census

Table 3. Consumption of cotton linters by types of consumer, by months, United States, 1982-1986 1/

Season beginning August 1	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Total
						1,000 bales							
						Bleachers consumption							
1982	34	68*	53	43	62*	53	55	77*	63	57	65*	46	678
1983	38	68*	51	51	55*	50	51	73*	57	55	75*	39	661
1984	38	67*	59	60	64*	53	61	64*	56	49	55*	39	664
1985	44	61*	47	45	54*	62*	57	56	57*	53	54	45*	635
1986 2/	51	46											
						Consumption by other than bleachers							
1982	10	13*	11	11	10*	10	11	14*	11	11	12*	9	134
1983	12	12*	12	10	11*	11	14	14*	6	6	8*	5	122
1984	6	8*	6	6	7*	5	6	6*	5	6	7*	5	72
1985	7	8*	7	6	5*	6*	6	5	7*	5	6	7*	75
1986 2/	7	6											
						Total consumption							
1982	44	82*	64	53	73*	63	66	91*	74	68	77*	55	812
1983	49	80*	63	61	66*	60	65	87*	63	61	82*	43	783
1984	44	74*	65	66	70*	58	67	71*	62	55	62*	44	737
1985	52	69*	54	50	60*	68*	63	61	63*	58	60	52*	710
1986 2/	57	52											

1/ Reported in running bale equivalents. Consumption figures relate to four-week months except as noted. Sums by types of consumers may not equal the total because of rounding.
2/ Preliminary.
* Five-week month.

Source: Bureau of the Census

Table 4. Stocks of cotton linters by types of consumer and in public storage, by months, United States, 1982-1986 1/

Season beginning August 1	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July
						1,000 bales						
						Bleachers stocks						
1982	219	202	221	238	263	279	271	249	234	229	210	195
1983	191	172	176	180	189	208	209	201	203	174	154	139
1984	135	112	110	130	154	179	203	219	242	251	260	249
1985	239	231	250	267	298	323	379	395	408	408	401	407
1986 2/	382	369										
						Other consumers stocks						
1982	17	18	15	16	17	17	17	18	21	20	20	21
1983	20	D	D	19	21	22	27	22	14	13	11	10
1984	9	8	8	10	9	9	9	9	9	8	7	7
1985	7	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
1986 2/	D	D										
						Public storage stocks						
1982	63	64	46	54	53	57	56	54	41	27	25	22
1983	18	D	D	17	17	17	18	15	18	15	14	10
1984	9	6	6	8	7	7	5	5	7	7	6	5
1985	5	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
1986 2/	D	D										

1/ Stocks at end of reporting period, in running bale equivalents.
2/ Preliminary.
D Data withheld to avoid disclosing figures for individual companies.

Source: Bureau of the Census

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Table 5. Receipts, crushings and stocks of cottonseed at oil mills, by months, United States, 1982-1986

Season beginning August 1	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Total
						1,000 tons							
						Receipts							
1982	141	261	1,105	991	561	144	120	81	-45	29	-70	71	3,369
1983	121	81	608	923	337	147	26	29	7	4	1	45	2,328
1984	86	162	835	1,288	678	489	159	50	24	*	12	20	3,804
1985	191	394	934	947	635	199	84	2	1	-31	-39	16	3,336
1986 1/	119	260											
						Crushings							
1982	290	286	392	482	433	436	369	322	241	215	164	172	3,800
1983	167	121	188	302	297	348	290	295	206	173	124	74	2,583
1984	70	73	274	423	424	453	394	395	316	280	220	191	3,514
1985	195	197	338	411	369	432	361	350	281	214	154	115	3,417
1986 1/	141	174											
						Stocks							
1982	632	608	1,321	1,831	1,959	1,667	1,418	1,178	892	707	472	371	-
1983	325	285	705	1,326	1,366	1,165	902	636	438	269	146	116	-
1984	132	221	782	1,646	1,900	1,936	1,701	1,356	1,064	785	577	406	-
1985	402	599	1,196	1,732	1,998	1,766	1,489	1,164	884	639	445	347	-
1986 1/	324	411											

1/ Preliminary.
* Less than 500 tons.

Source: Bureau of the Census

Table 6. Total exports and imports of cotton linters, by months, United States, 1979-1986

Season	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Total 1/
						1,000 bales							
						Exports 2/							
1979	13.8	12.0	12.4	17.8	19.1	19.2	17.2	22.0	12.6	24.2	17.6	18.8	206.8
1980	12.9	14.0	11.7	15.5	12.7	15.9	21.1	17.9	25.1	19.3	15.4	14.1	195.5
1981	8.5	11.0	13.7	17.4	10.4	18.6	18.6	18.5	24.9	23.8	23.4	18.5	207.3
1982	22.4	26.3	34.0	29.7	16.5	31.8	20.8	16.0	28.4	17.3	17.9	15.8	276.9
1983	16.1	8.6	11.5	8.6	13.4	9.2	7.2	9.9	5.6	6.6	6.9	5.1	105.8
1984	5.2	7.1	10.3	11.3	17.9	15.7	13.2	13.1	12.2	14.1	11.5	9.5	141.1
1985	7.2	5.9	7.1	7.4	13.8	14.9	12.5	14.2	12.5	9.9	6.4	7.2	118.9
1986 3/	7.4	9.7											
						Imports 2/							
1979	3.6	4.4	2.7	4.1	4.4	14.5	6.3	13.2	7.0	13.1	8.2	5.3	86.6
1980	12.0	4.7	4.9	1.2	1.7	3.1	4.2	2.2	4.1	2.5	2.6	0.9	44.2
1981	1.5	1.0	3.0	4.1	7.1	3.6	1.5	2.8	0.7	1.4	1.8	0.9	29.4
1982	1.9	1.6	1.0	1.5	1.8	2.1	4.3	2.0	2.9	1.7	1.5	0.5	19.3
1983	1.7	0.9	14.7	13.0	4.2	7.3	9.3	5.6	6.3	5.4	5.7	2.5	77.0
1984	11.6	14.3	13.0	4.4	13.8	3.7	10.7	8.4	3.9	10.8	3.4	8.7	106.9
1985	2.5	8.4	10.6	2.1	0.4	16.4	2.5	12.7	26.5	13.5	10.4	10.2	116.3
1986 3/	10.8	3.8											

1/ The sum of monthly figures may not equal the season total because of rounding. Total exports and imports are adjusted data as reported in Supply and Distribution of Linters in the U. S. by Bureau of the Census.
2/ Exports are in 640 pound net weight bales through 1982 and in 634 pound equivalent bales thereafter. Imports are in 500 pound gross weight bales prior to 1982 and in 634 pound equivalent bales thereafter.
3/ Preliminary.

Source: Bureau of the Census